

BEEF POLLUTION SOLUTION (Who Speaks for Man?)

Several articles exposing the beef industry and the U.S. Government's meat inspection policy were published in the Star Tribune of Minneapolis on Sunday, August 8, 1993. These articles claimed that it is impossible with the present system to prevent diseased and toxic meat from reaching the consumers. They claimed that fecal contamination of meat is widespread in the meat industry. They said that neither the federal inspection system nor the industry is meeting federal sanitation regulations. That slaughtering is controlled by huge agribusiness.

David Carney, vice chairman of the national AFGE Food Inspectors Union said, "... producer and industry ... is damn near running this agency (USDA)" (So, what else is new?)

One of the articles stated that 35 state (Minnesota) inspectors cover 5,000 meat retailers. The Clinton Administration has added 200 new U.S. inspectors. That makes 4 extra inspectors per state.

They pointed out the problems but did not elaborate on the "primary cause" of the problems. The paper indicated the problems could be reduced by better inspection, which Secretary of Agriculture Espy, said would take several years and \$58 billion dollars to implement. The paper did indicate that the meat industry made more profit by speeding up the meat handling (which makes inspection more difficult). Diane Donohue, assistant U.S. attorney in Detroit, said

people make a lot of money selling diseased animals for slaughter.

They implied that most of the problems were in hamburger and that if we ordered it "well done," i.e., cooked all the way through, it would be OK to eat.

Some people who read these articles in the Star Tribune told me that they thought the articles were a gross exaggeration and just fear-mongering to get people to be afraid to eat meat. I have met a lot of people who are afraid to eat meat, for one reason or another. Is there an animal-lover's power-group conspiracy promoting this fear of meat? Or who is?

We have a problem. Whether it's inefficient inspection of meat or a power-group mind manipulating through the mass media, it's not something we need.

It is pretty easy to see that if we switch-over to the Priceless Economic System there would no longer be a reason (profit) to sell diseased, contaminated and toxic meat.

Forming opposition groups and asking for donations, grants and or dues for some "cause" has become a very Profitable operation for some people who know how to side-track a large percentage of this income into their own pockets. With the PES there would not be a Profit in forming and managing these groups. Instead, a group would be a burden to a leader. Without being motivated by group leaders, people would have more time to focus on their own happiness. If everyone took care of him/herself, there would be fewer problems.

Using the Priceless Economic System (PES), people will all be working as volunteers at jobs they like and no one will make a monetary profit from their work. It will be more fun to produce only the best quality for everyone. There will then be no monetary cost of production so all products and services will be free-of-charge for everyone.

People, with the help of nature and natural resources, produce everything. Money produces nothing. People found and mined the minerals. People refined them. People built the tools, machines and factories. People operate them. People invented, built and use computers. People invented and operate robots. People produce and deliver every product and service. When all people's labor is free -- all products will be free.

Some people claim they own nature's natural resources. They own them only as long as people agree to that concept.

When people are in control of their jobs and their lives, they will not wish to process meat that might make their own family, friends or anyone else sick. They would lose friends and compliments this way. Few people wish to lose friends and compliments.

Most of the bad things that are done by industry and business to people, property and the environment, are done for Profit! This includes war, pollution, starvation, stealing and taxes. So when we remove the profit motive from the economic system we remove the reason to continue these five major problems.

In the R. Buckminster Fuller book, Critical Path, Fuller said: "About 90 percent of all U.S.A. employment is engaged in tasks producing no life-supportive wealth." This means that when we stop producing for Profit we can begin producing what people want and need, i.e., we will fill the demand instead of creating artificial demands just to make Profit.

We can then focus our production on making the most and best with the least. We can then stop producing the 90% that there is not a natural demand for.

We will then have a lot of people out of work and looking for a job they can enjoy and keep busy with. With all of these extra workers we can reduce working hours per person and increase the number of work shifts to allow everyone a chance at the good feelings of producing an efficient, beautiful, well-made and long-lasting product. We can automate the boring and dangerous jobs.

There will no longer be a use for money, credit and barter. Most of the stress in our lives will be eliminated when everything that we want is free for everyone. It is now believed that stress causes many different kinds of sickness.

How do we get to there from here? Most people agree that the PES would be a better economic system but they just don't see how it could happen. All the Priceless Economic System really needs is a lot of publicity to let everyone learn about and understand it. It is a very natural and logical system. It was used successfully by the human race for hundreds of thousands of years until someone figured out a way to con

people into the idea of ownership, then barter, then money and now credit. Wage slavery is the result. When you take pay -- you must obey.

As soon as people understand what the Priceless Economic System is all about, they will wish to switch-over right away. It is so simple. It is not necessary to have a two-year two-million dollar "study" by some bureaucrats. Everyone would just agree to stop taking pay on a certain day and then begin giving all products and services free-of-charge and "Presto!" we would be living in an almost Utopian World! This could happen in just a few weeks if the mass media and the underground press thoroughly publicized this idea. Think about it -- in just a few weeks we could end wars, pollution, starvation, stealing, arms production and taxes, if we could just get this ball rolling. Can you think of anything more important to write about?

Just think how much easier life would be without all the stress created by wage slavery. Think about how most workers have to spend eight hours per day working at something they don't like to do. Being bossed around by people they don't like. Afraid they might get fired and then be without a job and not be able to pay their rent (or mortgage payments), or buy food or pay their other bills. How would they take care of their kids then? Working because you have to, is not that much fun. Under all this stress how can a worker relate to a mate and kids when they get home, in a kind, sane and loving way? It ain't easy, baby!

How much easier it would be without all the stress

created in family life by money worries. It is difficult enough to rear kids with all the media propaganda telling the kids that they must have \$125 tennis shoes to be "somebody," but when a parent has had a hard day being a wage slave, it is nearly impossible to be the understanding loving parent, one would like to be when they get home.

Without the profit motive we could get some decent enjoyable programs on TV with no commercials. With the PES and short working hours and with everything free-of-charge, we might not even watch TV or video tapes. We would be out there traveling, learning and experiencing and enjoying life in the first person, not living life vicariously and erroneously by watching TV, videos and reading novels. Life will become real! Those who wish to, will be living life!

Until someone figures out how to get mass media coverage of the Priceless Economic System we can each start living the PES in small ways and derive some of the benefits and joys even before the rest of the people get involved. This will make us "examples" of a better system. Examples teach more than all the preaching anyone can do.

If you start to create your own freedom and your example convinces just two people to create their own freedom, you have started a multiple progression of doubling-numbers pyramid. If two people, who see you enjoying your expanding freedom; copy your example and if they are each copied by two more people, you have a 2x2, 2x4, 2x8, 2x16, etc. chain-reaction. It is mind-blowing to discover the number of people we will

have reached by the time of the 32nd doubling. Figure it out. I dare you!

An Alternative --

VOLUNTARY SIMPLICITY

First, cut your credit card into little bitty pieces.

Second, sell, give-away or let them repossess everything you don't really need. Get rid of all of your debts. A bad credit rating is a virtue, it will keep you from buying things that would put you into further bondage (slavery).

Third, without your excess of things, you can enjoy a smaller and cheaper place to live. Rent or a mortgage payment is the biggest nut most people have to crack. Reduce it as much as possible. Then you won't need as much money.

Fourth, get rid of your TV, radio, stereo and newspaper. Who wants all the fear mongering, propaganda and mood alteration? Discover how much better your thinking is without the interference and manipulation from music and talk, talk, talk.

Fifth, create some free time. Most people are too busy; with making a living, sickness, family problems, seeking sex, drugs, drinking, hassling with someone, talking and worrying about politics and the other news and watching videos, to discover the alternative to wage slavery.

If you have some money, retire for a few months or years. Clear up your problems. Relax. Let your body heal any sickness it may have. Examine the System. Examine yourself. Learn to play and discover free natural ways to entertain yourself. If one does not take the time to learn how to

enjoy life -- is life really worth living? Enjoy yourself! It's later than you think. I dropped-out in 1969 with a little money I had invested. You can't possibly imagine what a relief and exhilaration it was to have 24 hours of free time each day and to not have to worry about a job and money.

Sixth, if you don't have a lot of money, i.e., independence, learn a skill you can enjoy, so that you can have fun when you need to earn money again. If necessary take some vocational tests to discover what work would be challenging and interesting to you. Get really good at that skill, so that you can not only earn top dollar, but so that employers will compete to hire you. This gives a feeling of independence. You may be able to learn a skill by using the library or you may be able to get a job with on-the-job training. This will be much faster and cheaper than the University and the big loan you'll have to repay.

Seventh, as soon as you get ahead of the game, give some or all of your product or skills free-of-charge (or at cost). It is much more fun to give than to sell. "What goes around, comes around." This really happens! I've had things come to me free-of-charge many times. When you work like this, as a volunteer, you are in control of the who, when, where, how, why and the what of your work. This makes work more fun. It feels good to be in control of your life. When you take pay -- you must obey. That is not much fun. The essence of the PES is, "Power to the worker!"

Eighth, learn what makes your heart sing, and do it!

Ninth, see how much healthier you get, how much money you save and the fun you have cooking your own meals from fresh basic foods. Forget processed foods!

Tenth, if you must be a gourmet, be a gourmet of simpler cheaper foods, if you want freedom.

Eleventh, discover rummage (garage) sales. They are almost as cheap as Free Stores.

Twelfth, dumpster-diving. I wore a three-piece suit in business for 20 years. I have discovered more satisfaction in finding re-usable things in dumpsters/rubbish barrels. Most items need washing and/or repairing. This is fun for the Mr. Fix-it in me. (This may not be your cup of tea.) There is fun in using or giving away each item.

Thirteenth, if you ever find someone who has the secret of Utopia for 5 billion people, what will you do, laugh and go on with business as usual?

About Author

The Little Free Press newsletter's last issue, #90 was published on 3-10-92. I was living in an 8'x10' office in a warehouse in Minneapolis where I paid \$40 per month rent. I lived there for about a year when I decided to stop publishing the LFP newsletter and publish another book. I spent time editing all the LFP newsletters written since I WAS ROBOT, was published in 1990.

I spent some time regularly checking my favorite dumpsters and found lots of neat things I used or gave away. A lot of time was used to just sit and people-watch and think. Occasionally a friend would stop and we'd have a good chat. It was a

good, happy and fun year when I camped in that little office.

It became necessary for me to care for one of my teen-aged grandsons. I moved to Little Falls, MN. There I rented a low-income two bedroom apartment and I furnished it for about \$300 from garage sales. It was a newly painted apartment in a friendly and well kept-up housing development.

During this time I kept myself busy by finishing the editing and publishing of my second book, FREE I GOT. Then I began working on distributing it.

Dream Come True

Meanwhile I was paying \$186 per month rent. Finally after I realized how much rent I'd paid in a year I started looking for a small old house to buy cheaply and live without rent or mortgage payments and low taxes. A local young, enterprising and energetic real estate salesman found one for me. I made a \$5,000 cash offer and got it. This is the first house I ever owned with no mortgage! What a wonderful feeling. \$5,000 is the total price! One must get at least 100 miles from a large metropolis to find bargains in homes or land.

With today's high prices for houses, I'm afraid few people will ever get them paid for. They will suffer indentured slavery to their homes. Then when they get old, instead of getting them paid for, they will lose them because of high taxes and no jobs for old people. Get out-from-under these high payments as soon as you can if you seek freedom! The banks are now the robbers. They could be called - Bank Robbers.

Get your housing cost down low so that you don't

have to spend so much of your time earning money. Time flies by fast. Take time to have fun with your mate and kids. You can't believe how soon the time will come when they will be leaving home. Take it from a grandpa who knows and didn't receive this advice when his kids were young.

My little house has a large yard, two bedrooms up and living room, dining room, kitchen, bath and laundry room on first floor. It has 876 sq. ft. It has city water and sewer. Is walking distance to the main street and shopping. They have a farmers market once or twice a week in this little town of Little Falls (7,374 population) which is the county seat. The people here smile and say, "Hello!" when they meet me on the sidewalk and they don't even know me. I don't have to lock my bicycle. I like Little Falls.

The house and garage need lots of work. The house is over 90 years old and has no basement but has a small fruit cellar that has exactly the same aroma that my grandmother's cellar had. The house is heated with two oil space heaters. It has very old electrical wiring and the house is not insulated. But I'm as happy as a little kid with a new toy. I'll have a lot of work to do to it but, I need the exercise to be healthy.

Sea Gypsy

My ocean sailing adventure will be postponed for five years (until after my grandson graduates from high school). In the meantime, since the Mississippi River is only about four blocks away and lots of lakes are also nearby, I'll find some way to do some sailing around here. Most of

the houses here are high enough above the river to be safe from floods.

My garage may be big enough to build a small boat in and my yard has space for a garden.

Yesterday I bought a power lawn mower from a repairman who lives only about five blocks away, for \$40. I pushed the mower home. Then my grandson mowed the lawn and did a good job. It's a good mower and starts easily.

I'm writing this part of this issue in my back yard on a picnic table I bought at a garage sale this morning for \$3. It needs one new plank on top but otherwise is very serviceable.

It is pleasantly warm. The sun is shining. The sky is a beautiful blue with lots of fluffy white clouds. A small squadron of about two dozen white sea gulls came by and put on a beautiful and graceful air show for me that lasted about fifteen minutes. They have now moved on to other parts with their show. Even the birds are friendly and welcoming in this little town.

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If you wish to subscribe, send two dollars or more to cover printing costs and postage. The time I put into writing, publishing and distributing this newsletter (and my two books), I give free-of-charge but I can no longer afford to pay the printing costs. As yet I can not tell you how many issues you will get for your money. It will depend on how many people subscribe. In the next issue I hope to report a more precise subscription cost.

LFP Purpose

To help create Utopia on Planet Earth, soonest.
10-1-93 Ernest Mann

Health Care Insurance

The media is all aglow with arguments about health insurance. Very complicated and esoteric proposals have been offered by insurance companies, the President and many others. Is this "insurance" a gigantic smoke screen used to conceal the LFP plan that is so simple, all covering and cheap? Would the powers-that-be rather not have people learn about the LFP plan? Why? It would terminate slavery world-wide.

For some strange reason, no one has brought up the idea of installing a system where doctors would work for free and the doctors would get free schooling and everything else that they wanted for free too. That would revolutionize medicine. Then instead of working to get rich, doctors would be working to keep people healthy. With all the people healthy, the doctors could all go fishing or whatever. What a nice reward! Isn't this what the Hippocratic Oath was all about -- to care for people? Then the drug stores would discontinue all the drugs and medicines that don't cure and then have a very small stock.

This solution wouldn't cost anybody anything! It would be very simple to implement. The mass media could explain this system to everyone and then when everyone understood it, we could all quit taking pay on the same day and begin giving our products and services free-of-charge to everyone that wanted them.

With this Priceless Economic System most of the biggest problems in the

world (war, pollution, starvation, stealing, taxes and government) would disappear. They are all caused by profit.

This insurance plan is going to make some people a whole lot richer, and encourage the doctors and hospitals to start raising their prices again. This new insurance plan is not going to be very good for the working people, who will foot the bill for everyone.

This is just another excellent reason to get yourself active in helping to broadcast the Priceless Economic System (PES) ideas to all of your friends, and to other people as well.

Vet's Pension

Before I was 62 I inquired at the Veteran's Office to see if I would get a pension. They assured me that I would get one when I got to be 65, if I had less income than the \$650 vet's pension. If my income and Social Security pension was more than that I wouldn't get it. If it was less they would deduct it from the \$650 and give me the difference.

I had already contacted the Social Security office and they told me I would get a little over \$300 from them and a little more if I waited until I was 65.

I decided I'd be better off if I started my pension at 62 and I did. When I got to be 65 I filled out all the papers for my vet's pension and they mailed them back to me and said that the law was changed two years before and that now I would have to be "totally disabled" to get my pension.

That was quite a shock because I was counting on

that \$650 total. At present I get only \$378 Social Security retirement pension and about a \$10 raise each year. That doesn't make this old WWII veteran very confident and trusting in his government. I'll just bet that the congress that changed that law gave themselves each another \$30,000 raise about then.

Why Work?

E.G. from Bedford, Ohio wrote and asked if anyone would work if they didn't get paid.

In a priceless economic system, people could take vocational testing and counseling to make it easier to choose a kind of work that they would be capable of doing or learning. They could choose a work that would offer them some challenge, to make it more interesting. They could choose a work that they could enjoy doing, like their favorite hobby. They would no longer choose a job because of how much it paid, but by how much they would enjoy doing it. This would fit people into their own little niche that they could enjoy. If they became so proficient that they got bored, they could then move on, at their own speed, to learn a more challenging job.

Everyone would be doing their job as a volunteer. They would have everything that they wanted free-of-charge, whether they worked or not. So they would only work if they could find something that they liked. Or maybe they would choose a job because they thought it really needed doing. No one would be their boss. But there would be people

on the job that could give them advice and encouragement if they asked for it and they could do this for others. In a work place like this, workers would do the very best job that they could do, because this makes one feel the best. (The reason I chose this job of writing about a better system is that it seems like this is a job that needs to be done at this time. There are many things I would rather be doing. If I succeed I'll have no more to gain than you will. We'll both have a nearly Utopian world to live in. That is my motivation.)

When we get the Priceless Economic System into full world-wide swing we will stop producing the junk that they now have to spend millions of dollars advertising to sell. We will only produce the best quality for everyone. We'll build products that will last 50 years instead of three years. This will cut down the working hours needed to replace our inventories.

R. Buckminster Fuller said that about 90% of today's work is really unnecessary.¹ This means that when we produce only what we really want, we will have 90% of the work force unemployed. They will then be consumers and not producers. If the producers are doing work they like, they would be enjoying it. They will be happy to have consumers who appreciate the wonderful goods they turn out. It would not be as fulfilling if no one desired our products. It would soon get very boring if there wasn't a demand, i.e., a reason to produce. The same with my newsletter, if no one sub-

scribed, I would quit writing it.

I think it will actually become a privilege, not a necessity, to be allowed to work. We may have to cut down the working hours for all the workers and create more shifts per day to allow more people the chance to get some of the good feelings of working with these wonderful tools and machines that we have today. On-the-job training (apprenticeships), computers and videos may replace schools and universities. Then everyone can learn at their own pace, and learn whatever they wish. You can't possibly imagine how progress will escalate with a world of educated people instead of a world filled mostly with people deprived of higher education.

The boring and dangerous jobs can be relegated to automation and robots. We already have the technology to do this, but not the motivation. Today the motivation is PROFIT, not happiness!

Always Slavery?

I think that the "working people" have never been free. We don't know how to be free. We have no primal memory of ever having freedom. From way back in the days of our caveman ancestors, the members of a family had to obey the elder or the strongest or cleverest member of the family or tribe. Only the few people who knew how to boss had any freedom. Yet they were not entirely free either, because they had to exert power over the rest to maintain their leadership position. If they let down their guard they lost their power position (and maybe their life) so they were not free either.

When they invented money it gave the leaders (I don't mean the politicians, they are not the real leaders) a little more freedom, because they didn't have to watch the slaves quite as closely. (Remember, when you take pay -- you must obey!) The real leaders are those few super-rich families who tell the politicians what to do. The poor people surely don't tell them what to do. Politicians never took any of my advice. Have they taken any of yours?

The PES will not only give us our freedom but will also give the super-rich people their freedom too.

Our work is cut out for us. People have evolved to believe that they are free and are not slaves. We need to show them that they are still slaves and show them how good life can be when they are their own boss.

People who start their own business, think that they are their own boss. But we aren't. We are still controlled subtly by the price fixing big corporations. Yes, we do have more freedom than employees do, but we are not free either. I had my own real estate business. I thought that I was free. But I had three bad times when the people who control money caused recessions. It was very hard to survive during those times, but somehow I did.

In the PES there will be people who are smarter than others (as there are today) and those are the ones we'll go to for advice. We can take their advice or leave it and they won't care. Then they won't have to enforce their directions, as they did for their slaves. Life will be easier for them. In some ways it will be harder for us. We'll have to make our own decisions. But after a

¹ Critical Path, 1981, R. Buckminster Fuller, St. Martins Press

while our brain learns to do it and it becomes easy.

Hopefully our race of slaves (working people) have matured enough by now to be able to understand about freedom and dare to try it. The TV and other mass media have retarded our evolution. It has been subtlety shaping our opinions and beliefs. If we are to escape this mind-conditioning, we may have to divorce ourselves from the mass media. We will then begin to learn to think for ourselves and figure out what is best for us over the long term.

Free Time?

People have asked me what I do with all my free time (24 hours per day). They wonder how I can stand to be without a job.

I dropped-out of the Rat Race when I was 42 in 1969, I had no trouble at all with what to do with my time.

First of all I decided that I didn't care what other people (that included all my relatives) thought about me or my actions. They all told me I was too young to retire. I let my hair and beard grow. I wore whatever pleased me at the moment.

I had been married then for about 22 years. My wife and I sold our home and bought an old pick-up truck with an old camper. We stored all our furniture in an old store-front I bought for \$500 in a small town. It took us a year to see the USA. We put on 20,000 miles and had a wonderful time sight-seeing at our leisure. Then we moved into a two room apartment in an old four unit house we owned in the slums in Minneapolis and sold the truck and camper. We took a cheap flight to Europe and spent five months wondering around by train and cheap hotels. We also took second and third

class seats on buses and trains from Greece to Katmandu, Nepal, which took us a month. We stayed at many native hotels that cost us only \$1 a night for two people. This was in 1971, I think.

At the time we dropped-out, our youngest kid was about 16 and had become a hippie and was living on her own. Here I think we made a mistake. We should have tried harder to keep her with us a little longer. A year or two later we separated and then divorced. We split our money and property 50-50 and each went our own ways. I may have made a mistake there when I instigated this because we were happily married for about 23 years before I started thinking the grass was greener on the other side of the fence. Later, I discovered that it wasn't. But too late. She had remarried.

I sold all of my share of the property and gave my ex-wife all the furniture. I lived rent-free in an unfinished basement in an old four-unit house in a slum area I had sold. Part of the sale agreement was to allow me free rent, even though the basement was an illegal rental space. It was fun to save money to see how long I could live on my share of the money without going back into the Rat Race. I managed to stretch that money for 24 years and have now spent the balance of it on this house I just bought. How I will manage to live here on the \$378/mo. Social Security retirement pension, I don't know, but I think I can. If not, I'll have to get back into the Rat Race for a little while and accumulate another little pile of money. Once you develop some skills, it is not hard to

make money. Like my dad used to say, "Any damn fool can make money -- but it takes a mighty smart person to save some."

Birth of LFP

While we were traveling in the camper I had lots of time to read. I read about health, good foods, government and the Vietnam war. It wasn't long before I started writing letters to my friends and the congress persons telling them to stop the war. That was the beginning of the Little Free Press newsletter and it has continued since then.

The newsletter kept me pretty busy learning how, when, where, why, what and who. But I managed a lot of adventuring in between. There was a store a block away that was almost constantly rented to different organizations having rummage sales. I got lots of bargains there. I learned to check-out rubbish barrels and dumpsters and find reusable treasures. I wandered down city railroad tracks. I spent time in parks. I talked to people. I read many underground papers. I people-watched and tried to understand what made people tick. I spent time down-town handing out my newsletter.

First River Trip

With my backpack I took a bus from Minneapolis, 25 miles to Delano, MN and located their city dump (landfill) which happened to be next to the river and salvaged enough plastic jugs and Styrofoam chunks to float a raft I built from cutting tall brush and trimming it into poles that I tied together with twine and wire I found. I laid them out like a checker board (crisscross) and tied the floatation underneath. On top, for a

floor, I put some boards and plywood from the dump. I used a board for a paddle.

Some kids spotted me at the dump and helped me find what I needed. Before we finished the weather had turned from a warm sunny day to a cloudy drizzle. We all got a little wet so when we got through I walked with the boys to Delano and bought them hot chocolate and donuts. Then I went back to the raft and began my journey on the Little Crow River to the Mississippi.

The river was only about twenty-five feet wide but it moved along at about five knots. The weather was warm (probably July or August) and so was the water. It was very pleasant, private and quiet. I couldn't see any signs of civilization from the raft. Not even farm houses. I drifted down that little stream and steered occasionally with my paddle. Some places the stream was blocked by fallen trees that I had to maneuver over, under or around.

I heard a strange sucking sound and finally seen a round pair of lips at the surface of the stream. It was a fish called a Sucker. It was sucking something in from the scum that accumulated here and there on the surface of the stream.

Sunset came and it got quite dark on the Little Crow that was followed by overhanging trees along each bank. So I picked a spot to tie up my raft and pitched my tent on the shore. I didn't use much forethought on that trip and all I had to eat was some sandwiches and a Boy Scout cook kit.

I didn't sleep much that night as I was scared. (a 45 year old man, scared? Yes!) I was all alone. It was dark

and only the sounds of nature, especially the owls. There was really nothing to harm me, but I was scared anyway.

Next morning I went waking to find a farm house to buy some eggs and whatever they would sell. Finally I spotted a farm house and knocked at the back door. A lady came to the door and I asked to buy eggs and milk. She said to come in and sit down. I did and wondered what she was up to. Before long she had eggs, bacon, potatoes, toast and coffee set before me. While I ate I told her my story. Boy, what a meal and was I ever hungry. She gave me some eggs to take along and wouldn't take any money. What a nice person.

I resumed my raft trip. I found some good things floating on the river. I remember a good basket ball that I picked up.

Towards the middle of the second day of the raft trip that was to carry me to the Mississippi River and on to New Orleans and the Gulf of Mexico, I decided to abort the trip and go home to Minneapolis. To this day I don't know why I quit. Was I scared? Yes! I constantly listened for a dam. I was very scared of a dam. Now I don't know why. Was I lonely? Was I bored? I never allowed myself to know why I quit that trip. I pulled the raft into some weeds and found a road and hitchhiked home. It took several hours to get my first ride and I walked a lot to find more traffic. I think my raft trip took me to Dayton, MN.

This was the first of six attempts I made to travel a river to New Orleans.

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If you think these ideas have any value and want to help, please have copies made and pass them on to thinking people. Think of the fun you can have and the good you may do!

If we really rolled up our sleeves and put some concentrated effort into informing people about the PES we might be able to use each major issue that the mass media comes up with to our advantage. We could then show people how simply the issue would be solved in the Priceless Economic System.

To win, the PES needs to have more people actively promoting it.

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